

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson

P. Cousins

D. Fisher-ab

J. Knight

J. Semifero

R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Scott Maurer, Water and Sewer Department; Rhett Gronevelt, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – September 23, 2013
2. Work Session – September 24, 2013

Motion Semifero; support Knight to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 23, 2013 and the Work Session of September 24, 2013 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Fisher absent

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Tell; support Semifero to approve the agenda with the addition of two pieces of additional information under I-5, Village Manager Report and L-5, Wellness Center Next Steps.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Fisher absent

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Jean Cares of 5125 Farrell Road, Dexter and one of the owners of the Dexter Mill read a prepared statement about the proposed construction project of Central Street between Second and Third Streets and the impact that the Mill owners feel would be on their business with on street parking, access to the handicap ramp and the difficulty in moving vehicles through their lot. They stated that they have provided alternatives but feel that they have not been heard and gave many reasons against the proposed changes of Central Street in the project.

Robert Murphy of 3713 Bristol Drive, Dexter thanked the trustees, Village President, and Village administration for the dedication of 5B in Dexter Crossings and asked when to expect the dedication of 6, 7 and 8.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

I. REPORTS

1. Interim Community Development Manager Laura Kreps – Written Report
Ms. Kreps submits her report per packet.

2. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his report per packet. Mr. Schlaff gave the following updates:

- Crack sealing is complete and leaf pick-up will begin this week.
- Sludge Project - have the lid in place on the secondary digester.
- Well #3 is back in service
- 5th Well – did the first test on Friday to run the system on pressure as this is important when the tower comes down for maintenance. Also looking to upgrade to allow the system to run on pressure from the filtration plant for the maintenance project.
- Answered the question as to where work orders come from – they are generated from the asset management plan and/or employees.

3. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

None

4. Subcommittee Reports -None

Economic Preparedness

Facilities

Roads

Utility – Update from September 25, 2013 Meeting

President Keough gave an update on the September 25th meeting in that it was an informational meeting with Dexter United Methodist Church

Website

Trustee Fisher entered the meeting at 7:40 PM

5. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates:

- Sludge Project – huge accomplishment of the placement of the lid at the project. Rhett Gronevelt will give an update on the project at the next Council meeting.
- Concord has made repairs on a sewer back-up as a result of road reconstruction on Central Street.
- Will be meeting with the Dexter Mill owners on October 15 at 3 PM regarding the 2014 Central Street Project.
- Was caught off guard with a request for a crossing guard as one of the 5H Interventions. The crossing guard would need to be approved through the procedure outlined in engineering standards.
- A picture was provided in the packet about repairs needed on Huron Street and will be included in a future agenda.
- River Terrace Trail needs more discussion and may cost the Village additional money.

6. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough reported on the following:

- On the Consent Agenda have a recommendation for the appointment of Cristen Rinderknecht to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee and Patrick Becker to the Downtown Development Authority. Still have a couple of applications to review for appointments to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee.
- The Regional Fire Committee met last Wednesday (October 9) and plan to have a group meeting of all four boards at Webster Township Hall on October 30.
- Dexter Wellness Center – have had two meetings with Steve Brouwer and his partners. In regards to their proposal regarding the TIF capture, have asked the Village Attorney to review the proposal and have shared this with the county to discuss making changes in the Brownfield agreement.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$297,677.40
2. Consideration of: Appointment of Cristen Rinderknecht to the Arts, Culture

& Heritage Committee with a term ending June 2014

3. Consideration of: Appointment of Patrick Becker to the Downtown Development Authority with a term ending June 2015
4. Consideration of: Street Closures for Holiday Hustle on Saturday, December 7, 2013 including Central Street from Main to 5th from noon to 7:00 p.m., 5th Street from Dover to Broad from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and streets long the route temporarily as the race passes from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
5. Consideration of: Set Trick or Treat hours – Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Motion Fisher; support Carson to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps

Ms. Nicholls spoke about contacting the Charter Commission candidates for Village newsletter and what other information will be included in the newsletter. Joe Schultz, Dexter Chamber President, reported that the Chamber will be hosting a candidates meeting on November 3 at 2 PM at the Dexter Library.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Approval to Submit Mini-Grant Application to the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs/Arts Alliance for up to \$4,000

Motion Cousins; support Knight to submit the Mini-Grant Application for \$2000 for the Plein Air event and a \$2000 match of \$1000 in cash and \$1000 in salaries.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Discussion of: Position on a recommendation from Police Services Steering Committee for a 1.5% Increase in the Sheriff Contract for 2016 and 2017

The question was raised as to why the 1.5% increase and that Council needs more information on the new contract.

3. Discussion of: Main Street Parking Spaces Fix

Council expressed a concern as to what is causing the failures with the asphalt. Mr. Schlaff reported that they are talking with OHM to find out what is happening before the repairs are made and will be going back to Proline for the repairs.

4. Discussion of: Ann Arbor Street Light Pole Reconfiguration

Mr. Gronevelt gave a follow-up from the Work Session on the 2014 projects and provided costs for adding up to 12 poles to be consistent with what is currently in place.

5. Discussion of: Wellness Center Next Steps

On October 23 there will be a meeting of the Michigan Strategic Fund to provide public comment on the sale of bonds for the purchase of the Wellness Center and it was requested that the Village send a letter to this group to outline the concerns that we have regarding this sale. Mr. Cousins distributed an outline of revenue loss that would impact many-the Village, Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Dexter District Library, Dexter Schools, Washtenaw County Intermediate School District and Washtenaw Community College.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Carson	None
Tell	None
Knight	None
Jones	Have ticket for sale for St. Andrew's Annual Sauerkraut Supper which will take place on October 17.
Semifero	None
Fisher	None
Cousins	Spoke about the Mill Lake project take on by Michigan Tourism Cares and tourism individuals to begin repairs on the cabins at Mill Lake and prepare to be opened in 2014. Over 100 people came together to donate time and accomplished more than seven weeks of work in one day.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268

Motion Fisher; support Carson to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations in accordance with MCL 15.268 at 8:55 PM.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Knight; support Tell to leave closed session at 9:34 PM.

Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Carson; support Knight to adjourn at 9:35 PM

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: October 28, 2013